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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 1st, 1878.

三拜禮 號壹月五英 港香

[PRICE \$24 PER MONTH]

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
April 30, MACKEN, Spanish steamer, 371, A. Brugman, Manila, 9th April, General Russell & Co.
April 30, VIGILANT, British paddle despatch boat, Lieut. Commander Ainsley, from trial trip.
April 30, CHENG-CHU, Chinese g.-b., Walker from a cruise.
April 30, MOORISH, British gunboat, Carey from a cruise.
April 30, TARTAR, Ger. brig, 250, Kaemena, Quinchon 16th April, General Macches & Co.
CLEARANCES.
AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE,
APRIL 30th.
July, French bark for Quinhon.
Egeria, German steamer, for Chinkiang.
Marias, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.
Paxay, Spanish steamer, for Manila.
Kuangtung, British steamer, for East Coast.

DEPARTURES.
April 29, YOUTING, British steamer, for Canton.
April 29, CHINA, German str., for Shanghai.
April 29, ARAYA, Brit. str., for Swatow, &c.
April 30, ESSA BOETCHER, Ger. bark, for Shanghai.
April 30, JATA, Dutch steamer, for Saigon.
April 30, VIGILANT, British gunboat, for a trial trip.
April 30, MARION, Brit. str., for Singapore.
April 30, STANDARD, Brit. str., for Shanghai.

PASSAGERS.
ARRIVED.
Per Master, etc., from Manila.—
1 Cabin.
Per Tutor, from Quinhon.—
3 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
Per Marion, str., for Singapore, &c.—
Captain Parrot and 300 Chinese.
10 DEPART.

Per Julia, for Quinhon.—
3 Chinese.
Per Penny, str., for Manila.—
20 Chinese.

Per Kwangtung, str., for East Coast.—
3 Europeans and 150 Chinese.

REPORTS.
The Spanish steamer *Macken* reports left Manila on 27th April, and had fine weather throughout.

The German brig *Tartar* reports left Quinhon on 18th April. The first part of the passage light winds from the S.E. and calm to the North of the Parcels, thence to port light N. and N.E. winds and calm.

MANILA SHIPPING.

April 1, N. Constantine, str., from Hongkong.
2, Portia, British ship, from S. Francisco.
3, Paragon, Spanish str., from Singapore.
4, Semarala, British str., from Amoy, &c.
5, Huny, Spanish steamer, from Amoy, &c.
6, Fundar, German bark, from Sydney.
13, Spurway, British bark, from Hamburg.
14, Mariva, Spanish steamer, for Singapore.
15, Emy, Spanish steamer, for Hongkong.
16, Sennara, British str., for Hongkong.
17, Oberwell, British ship, for San Francisco.
18, Sennara, American ship, for S. Francisco.

SINGAPORE SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
1, Sestos, British steamer, from Bombay.
2, Kirkland, British bark, from Macassar.
3, Bantam, British steamer, from Samarang.
4, Rosa, British steamer, from Sourabaya.
5, Moray, British str., from Hongkong.
6, Apsley, British str., from Hongkong.
7, Camborne, British steamer, from Amoy.
8, Pantang, British str., from Foutien.
9, Glengow, British steamer, for Hongkong.
10, Riga, British steamer, for Karsnal.
11, Sestos, British steamer, for Hongkong.
12, Sarpedon, British steamer, for Hongkong.
13, Ada, British steamer, for Penang.
14, Sare, Swedish bark, for Saigon.

FROM PORTS IN CHINA, JAPAN, AND MANILA.
(For last Month's Advice.)

Marchant, A., Manila, Mar. 1
Macken, Manila, Mar. 1
Bewickshaws, Manila, Mar. 2
City of Aberdeen, Shanghai, Mar. 2
Woodville, Hongkong, Mar. 3
Meteor, Hongkong, Mar. 4
Glossmer, Hongkong, Mar. 4
Henry S. Sandford, Hongkong, Mar. 4
Rainbow, Manila, Mar. 4
Crescent, Amoy, Mar. 4
Talke, Manila, Mar. 4
William Cobb, Manila, Mar. 4
Santon, Shanghai, Mar. 5
Furcilia, Amoy, Mar. 5
Era, Manila, Mar. 5
Patrolia, China, Mar. 12
Semitha, Japan, Mar. 12

VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.
(Corrected to Date.)

Royalist, Gattin, Aug. 14
Tiger, Naples, July 17
Oscar, Hamburg, Oct. 23
Anna Bertha, Hamburg, Oct. 23
Benedicta, San Francisco, Oct. 23
Lodore, London, Oct. 23
Johanna Smith, Cork, Nov. 3
Jettie, London, Nov. 20
Gretchen, Hamburg, Dec. 13
Sir Harry Parkes, London, Dec. 13
Sodan, Cork, Dec. 19
R. E. Fuller, Bombay, Dec. 27
Hylton Castle, Glasgow, Jan. 17
Belle of Oregon, Liverpool, Jan. 22
Lord of the Isles, Liverpool, Jan. 22
Wansingh, Hamburg, Jan. 30
Per Arda, London, Feb. 1
Norninal, London, Feb. 7
Kedwig, Cardiff, Feb. 9
Channel Queen, Cardiff, Feb. 9
Alice D. Cooper, Cardiff, Feb. 16
Magdal, Cardiff, Feb. 19
Waverley, Cardiff, Feb. 19
Vanderbilt, Liverpool, Feb. 20
Kemaria, Cardiff, Feb. 24
Mina, London, Feb. 25
William H. Bass, London, Feb. 25
Highlanders, New York, Feb. 28
Prince Amadeo, Antwerp, Mar. 3
Mabel Clark, Liverpool, Mar. 9
Josephine, Penang, Mar. 9
Marine Union, Liverpool, Mar. 11
Bessie, Liverpool, Mar. 11
Poniat, London, Mar. 12
Lansdowne, Liverpool, Mar. 12
Francis B. Fay, Newcastle, Mar. 18
Charles E. Pearson, Newcastle, Mar. 18
August Frederick, Sydney, Mar. 20

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

None.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE:
M. R. JAMES LYON, PLATEAIR SAN-
DEBSON has been authorized to SIGN
our FIRM per procuratorem of F. O.
BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, 2d April, 1878. [1m59]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed by
Messrs. PIOT, WILKES, and LAURENCE,
Limited, Gunpowder Manufacturers of Dart-
ford and Breda their SOLE AGENTS in
HONGKONG and CHINA.

MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, 2d February, 1878. [1m59]

NOTICE.

M. R. JOSEPH HALLIWELL has been ad-
mitted a PARTNER in our Firm, from
1st of April, 1878. [1m59]

WILLIAMS & Co.
Swinton, March 27th, 1878. [1m59]

NOTIFICATION.

I beg to notify that I have RESUMED
BUSINESS at TAMSK and KELUNG in
North Formosa, under the style or firm of "DODD
& CO."

JOHN DODD.
TAMSK, 17th April, 1878. [1m59]

NOTICE.

M. R. ROBERT HUNTER HILL, is Au-
thorized to SIGN our FIRM
BRADLEY & Co.
Swatow, 17th April, 1878. [1m59]

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of
Mr. EDWARD CHINNING HILL in our
Firm in Hongkong and China CEASED on the
31st December last.

BUSSELL & Co.
China, March 8th, 1878. [1m59]

NOTICE.

M. R. JOHN GRIFFITH CASS is admitted
a PARTNER in our Firm from the
date.

ELLES & Co.
Amoy, 1st April, 1878. [1m59]

NOTICE.

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Office of the Directors, No. 1 Queen's Road East,
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Hongkong, January 1st, 1878. [1m59]

W. H. NOTLEY.

Hongkong, 6th June, 1878. [1m59]

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W. H. NOTLEY.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1878. [1m59]

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ASSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

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Hongkong, 1st October, 1877.

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of the "Hongkong Daily Press," and
the Business connected therewith, will conduct
the same on his own account from this date.E. CHATTERTON WILDOX
Daily Press Office,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1878.

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Orders it is particularly requested that all
business communications be addressed to the
Firm, A. S. Watson & Co., or
HONGKONG DISPENSARY. [17]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications on Editorial matters should be
addressed to "The Editor," and those on business "The
Manager," and not to individuals by name.Correspondents are requested to forward their
name and address, with communications addressed to the
Editor, as for publication, but no evidence of good
faith.All letters for publication should be written on one
side of the paper only.The Danish steamer *Aria* left Hamburg for
Hongkong on the 15th ultimo.The German steamer *Fronte* left Singapore for
this port on Sunday morning, the 18th ultimo.About eleven o'clock on Monday morning a
fire broke out at Macao. It originated in a mat
shop and upwards of ten houses were destroyed.

Two children were burnt to death.

The following is the particulars of what
was recently given in these columns, will take
place this afternoon, at fire o'clock, at the bath
of the Recreation Club. No competitor will
be allowed to carry off more than two first
prizes. Those of the public who are interested
in the sport are invited to present.The Board of the 74th Highlanders will par-
ticipate in the following procession to-night on
Wednesday at the Park Grand, Murray barracks
commencing at 8 p.m.—Overture—*"La Cheval si Brise"*.... Anker
Selection—*"Il Lombard"*.... Verdi
Selection—*"Germany"*.... K. Bell
Selection—*"Jewell Girl"*.... G. F. Bechthold
Selection—*"Folksong"*.... Kuhne
Galop—*"Die Sieg"*.... Kuhne.

Mr. J. B. Buchanan, Bandmaster.

The Welwyns and gesty appointed on a
committee by the Governor-General to ascertain
the extent of the damage done by the late
astounding tornado of Canton have presented their
report, from which it appears that the number of
houses completely destroyed was 2,812 and
the number of those more or less injured, 1,081.Of streets 155 suffered. The number of houses
which were about 200,000 houses were totally
destroyed by fire, and 100,000 were partially
damaged.It was impossible to ascertain the number of
deaths, but an estimate of over 10,000 is given.The committee have not been able to form any
estimate of the number of persons injured.An adjourned inquest was held at the Govern-
ment Hospital yesterday, before the Coroners
Commissioner of Canton, Mr. Justice G. F. John-
son, Mr. W. H. Moore, and A. G. Morris
on the body of Yam Acham—Fung Aching, a
shop keeper at the Tung Fat China shop, said
that on the 23rd instant he went to the Fung
Yung rice shop with the deceased to carry rice.
After carrying some bags he saw the deceased
lying upon the floor in the shop and apparently
very ill. Witness assisted in placing the deceased
in a chair and sent for a doctor. The deceased
was found to be dead. The deceased was a strong
man, and had never complained of illness.—Dr.
Wharry said that he had made a post mortem
examination of the body of the deceased. It was
that of a well nourished Chinese male. There
were no marks of violence upon the body. There
was an absence of diarrhoea, which had rendered
the deceased dead. A verdict of death from
natural causes was returned.The statement made by His Excellency the
Governor on Monday at the Legislative
Council, regarding the teaching of English
in the Central School, is on the face of it, as
the Hon. F. B. Johnson said at the time,
"most astounding." It is unfortunate that
Mr. Stewart is not here to fully explain the
words—"cannot be said to speak English at all."
We do not believe that, when penning this
description, Mr. Stewart deliberately intended
to confess that, after so many years of
arduous educational labour, of the pupils of
the Central School three hundred and sixty-
six have absolutely no knowledge of English.
The phrase "cannot be said to speak English
at all" is most unhappy; it is to use an
expression of Mr. Stewart's, a term of variable
meaning. Had he intended to say the boys
spoke no English it would have been more
in accordance with common sense to say so
in plain language, leaving out the vague
cannot be said." The modesty of Mr.
Stewart is proverbial in Hongkong, and we
read his term "cannot be said to speak English
at all" in the following light. He did not mean
to imply that the three hundred and sixty-six
pupils did not understand any English, but only to say that, strictly
speaking, they could not converse intelligi-
ently in that language. That this must be
so is evident from a passage in Mr. Stewart's
letter to the Colonial Secretary, dated the 12th
February last, in which he says, referring to
the Government of St. Joseph's College.—"His
Excellency is reported to have said—'I asked
him if he had ever learned to speak English.
He answered first, that there cannot be said to
speak English at all.'—It is evident that, in
this case, the meaning of the words "cannot be
said to speak English" is not the same as in
the case of the pupils of the Central School,
but is to be understood as referring to the
whole class of advanced pupils, who are
able to understand and speak English
as well as any other class of pupils in the
school."—It is evident enough, and it is
a great pity Mr. Stewart was ever less so.
Formed of the regrettable misunderstanding
which has arisen concerning the work of the
Central School, Mr. Stewart is mainly re-
sponsible, not only on account of his ill-
chosen words when he does write or speak,
but also on account of his general reserve.The return is, as we have said, "astounding,"
and ought not to be finally accepted without
further and very careful inquiry into the figures.
We say this because there
is one transparent error in the return which
indicates us to think it possible other
fallacies may be detected, and that the re-
turn generally has not been prepared with
the care which ought to characterize the
compilation of so important a document.
The mistake we allude to is the following:—
"No. 255, fifteen years ago, ten years and
two months at the Central School, who can
not speak English at all." As a matter of
fact, no boy is admitted to the Central
School under eight years of age, whereas,
according to the return, this boy must have
entered before he completed his fifth year.
Formally, he has been admitted to the Central
School under eight years of age, whereas,
according to the return, this boy must have
entered before he completed his fifth year.
So far from believing with His Excellency
that the actual knowledge of English
possessed by the boys should be tested by
an examination of their school records, we
are of the opinion that the examination of
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